

REMARKS

The applicants respectfully request to add new claims 32-47 and amend claims 1-12, 14-24, and 26-31. No new matter has been added, and applicants submit that the application as amended is entitled to the original filing date of December 29, 2003.

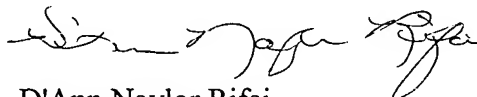
CONCLUSION

Applicant(s) submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,



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